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- TTC and GO Transit will operate regularly

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Easter Parade Wave and a smile



Miss Toronto Tourism 2009 Haylie McCullough, left, and Miss Canada Tourism 2009 Seraphima Malkina wave yesterday while taking part in the 42nd annual Toronto Beaches Lions Club Easter Parade along Queen Street East.

Virtually there

Cyberspace helps divorced parents keep in touch with kids

Michael Gough has reached across cyberspace to read his daughter Saige bedtime stories and teach her the ABCs. He's even watched her open Christmas presents from 1,000 miles away.

In the real world of divorce, Gough is a pioneer of what's called "virtual visitation" — electronic communication that is the next best thing to actually being there for non-custodial parents.

"It's meant to supplement, not replace, face-

to-face visits," says Gough, who turned to technology when his ex-wife decided to move to Wisconsin from Utah with their then four-year-old daughter in the wake of the couple's 2002 divorce.

In 2004, Utah became the first state to make virtual visitation part of divorce legislation. Similar laws have since been passed in Wisconsin, Florida and Texas.

It's still a relatively unknown concept in Canada, although Gough hopes to work with fathers' rights groups to get similar access legislation here.

"It makes children feel that we're there, even though we can't be," says Gough, a computer security specialist.

"It can reduce the child's stress caused by the move away from a parent they love. I've found that it really takes away that separation anxiety and that out-of-sight, out-of-mind aspect

of divorce."

Virtual visitation remains controversial, says Chicago-based family law lawyer and fathers' rights advocate Jeffery Leving. The concerns, he says, include fears it will be used in court to justify a move away by custodial parents, to reduce face-to-face access time for the non-custodial parents and even be used as an excuse to cut child support payments, which are based at least in part on the amount of time each parent spends with a child.

In fact, many custodial parents have objected to virtual visitation because it's seen as eating into their time with the children.

Animal cruelty law lacks bite, critics say

Horrific incidents of animal cruelty that have essentially gone unpunished or resulted only in slaps on the wrist demonstrate the weakness of federal legislation enacted one year ago, animal-rights activists say.

In one notorious case, a New Brunswick man was

acquitted in February of charges for killing five pomeranians he didn't want with a hammer.

Since the animals were considered his property, the court decided he had the right to dispose of them as he saw fit, although he was ordered to pay \$50 for injuring a dog that survived the hammer blow.

Critics complain that Bill S-203, which received Royal Assent last April 17, has done little to protect animals and say such incidents underline a crying need to put teeth into the law. The legislation enacted last year, essentially the same as property-offences law enacted in 1892, beefed up penalties for animal cruelty.

Liberal MP Mark Holland called the updated law "placebo" policy. Holland has introduced a private member's bill that would create a separate offence for killing an animal without lawful excuse regardless of whether it could be proven the animal suffered.

Cases

- Some recent cases where animal-rights activists say the law has proven ineffective:
- Nova Scotia woman drowns two newborn kittens — fined \$5.
- Northwest Territories man leaves dogs outdoors to freeze and starve to death — no charges laid.
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Man stable after life-threatening injuries in crash

A Mississauga man was seriously injured Saturday afternoon when his car crashed head-on with an SUV in Oakville around 3:30 p.m. Samer Kurdi, 21, was cut free from the car by firefighters and airlifted to Hamilton General Hospital with life-threatening injuries. He was listed in serious but stable condition.

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**Gas clerk tricked into opening locked kiosk**

A Petro Canada clerk in Brampton was tricked into letting a man into his locked kiosk at 2 a.m. yesterday and then robbed at gunpoint. Once inside, the assailant let in three other suspects, one armed with a handgun, another with a black shotgun. The men then fled with cash and cigarettes from the gas station at 9878 Dixie Rd., south of Bovaird Drive East.

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Crisis calls up 'exponentially'ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Toronto**Toronto men are feeling the pressure of the recession.**

Since October, male callers to the Distress Centres of Toronto distress lines have increased exponentially, says executive director Karen Letofsky.

"We're hearing from two distinct groups: People that have newly lost their

jobs; and we're seeing a 30 per cent increase in people worrying about basic needs," she said.

In addition, highly distressed or crisis calls — including suicide calls — have doubled, she said.

Since the last quarter of 2008, the number of new callers who are men has increased to between 50 and 60 per cent while normally the callers are 35 to 40 per cent male and 60 to 65 per cent female.

140,000

The number of distress calls the Distress Centres of Toronto expect in 2009.

"And the feelings are so overwhelming that it's become almost an emotional barrier to people being able to do effective problem solving and really realistically evaluate their cir-

cumstances," Letofsky said.

Generally, male callers are expressing feelings of shame, tremendous amounts of anxiety and a fear of the future, she said.

While there hasn't been a noticeable increase in the number of women calling the distress lines, there's been an overall increase since the recession began.

The centre receives about 120,000 distress calls per year but already this

year there's been a 10 to 15 per cent increase.

"And this is just the tip of the iceberg," Letofsky said. They expect to receive as many as 140,000 callers in 2009.

The centre's distress lines are open 24 hours, seven days a week and can be reached at 416-408-HELP.

For more information on the centre's services, visit www.torontodistresscentre.com. **MORE COVERAGE, PG 6**

Baby Kaylee battles on at Sick Kids

The baby at the centre of a storm that sparked an ethical debate over her treatment is still battling on, breathing on her own at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children.

Kaylee, diagnosed with Joubert syndrome, was expected to die when doctors took her off a breathing machine last Tuesday, but her father said she's doing well with the help of oxygen. He said the ideal thing is to keep doing whatever is best for her health.

He said disability or not, they were making preparations to care for Kaylee if she was released.

Jason Wallace dampened speculations his family was slapping the hospital with a lawsuit over comments that were made by doctors. He also denounced any notion he had concerns with the care doctors were giving to his critically ill daughter.

He said the comments



Jason Wallace, Kaylee's father, speaks yesterday outside the Hospital for Sick Children.

made by the doctors were "inappropriate" so he addressed his frustration with officials at the hospital and all grievances were quashed.

Wallace choose his words wisely and wouldn't go into

any details about what specifically was said. He said some of his earlier comments were spurred by anger caused by media and public criticism after he was strung into a media tsunami.

"We feel we have to respond to some of the attacks that have been coming our way, and the thought that somehow we wanted our daughter to die."

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2 firefighters overcome by fumes

TOXIC Two firefighters were treated by paramedics after being overcome by a unknown substance in the air at a downtown office building yesterday.

Toronto Fire was responding to a report of smoke on the third floor of 600 Bay St., north of Dundas at around 3:30 p.m.

Crews responding noticed there was "something in the air that was questionable," said Toronto Fire Capt. Adrian Ratushniak.

"Two firefighters were slightly overcome by fumes," he said. They were treated by paramedics and did not go to hospital.

A hazardous materials probe was inconclusive.

'Dozer driven into creek, man charged

ARREST A 56-year-old man from Bayham, Ont., has been charged with impaired driving after police got called about a bulldozer being driven into a creek. Michael Heinz was arrested and charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle.

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News in brief

CRASH A three-vehicle crash sent five people, including one child, to hospital and shut down a stretch of Steeles Avenue East in Scarborough.

Details remain scarce but one van flipped onto its side, said a Toronto police officer. Police said their injuries are being treated as minor. The child,

who was experiencing dizziness and nausea, was believed to be suffering from minor head injuries, said police. It is unclear how long the inter-

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Hamilton police believe they've found a weapon involved in a fatal brawl Friday and have charged an 18-year-old with second-degree murder. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Google engineer chooses marriage

Canada should, perhaps, praise the H-1B.

Among others, the American work visa has brought this country the Bombay-born Sanjay Mavinkurve, a brilliant Google engineer who helped create the foundation for Facebook while studying at Harvard.

Mavinkurve, 28, of course, feels slightly different about the visa, whose number-letter combination is sealed into the collective minds of foreign-born professionals who want to work south of the border.

It is the reason he finds himself in Toronto: The spousal accompaniment to the H-1B, the dreaded H-4 or "dependent" visa, means if he wanted to stay and work in America, his adopted homeland, his brilliant, cheerful and pregnant wife Samvita Padukone, 27, would be chained at home, unable to work because of the latter visa's restrictions on employment.

"The H-4 is out," he says scoldingly, sitting next to Padukone on their couch in



Sharing a laugh with his wife, Sanjay Mavinkurve, a Google engineer, currently lives part time in Canada because the work visa he has does not allow for his wife to work in the United States.

Toronto. "Because there's no way that I would be comfortable — I mean, I don't have the right, to tell my wife, 'You have to sit at home and be barefoot and pregnant.' No one has the right to tell anyone that, let alone someone who studied in Singapore on scholarship."

Since the United States is currently only able to grant 65,000 H-1B visas per year, with additional spots for those who hold U.S. masters degrees, the process is ex-

tremely competitive and is clogged with applicants.

The couple chose Toronto over the company's other offices in Waterloo and Montreal because they have extended family here and there are more opportunities for Padukone to work.

He is waiting on a U.S. green card, and would go back if he got it, but admits the wait is a little bit of a lottery and that, in the mean time, they are growing roots here. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Poor weather and heavy ice continue to thwart seal hunters in the northern Gulf of St. Lawrence. Fewer than 850 seals out of a total quota of 64,000 animals have been killed since the hunt began Wednesday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Canada



Net users need not apply

Passport Canada has abruptly ended its online application service, just as other federal departments are expanding their Internet-based links with Canadians. The agency posted a cryptic notice on its website earlier this month, saying its online service is "stepping aside" and will not be available after April 30. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Murder of disabled man 'heinous': Cops

DEATH Vancouver police are calling the murder of a disabled homeless man whose body was found outside an elementary school "a disturbing and heinous crime."

Michael Ciro Nestoruk was discovered Thursday by parents who were dropping off their children for the last day of classes before the Easter long weekend.

Police spokesman Const. Lindsey Houghton says the investigation into Nestoruk's death has been a difficult one for even the most seasoned officers.

"You never want to say a homicide is routine because they're all unique and they're all very tragic in their own way," Houghton said.

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Family remembers child at Easter

MISSING When the extended Stafford family sat down for Easter dinner last night they were short one little girl whose absence has left a huge hole in their lives.

Victoria Stafford, just eight years old, has been missing since Wednesday after school, around the time she was captured on a surveillance video walking with an unidentified woman.

Her father, Rodney Stafford, has been barely functioning for four days, ever since his "baby girl" vanished. He said the holiday has made her disappearance that much more unbearable.

"I can't just walk up and grab both of my kids and hug them both and say, 'Look, the

Easter bunny came,'" Stafford said yesterday about Victoria and his 10-year-old son, Daryn, who he calls

"two peas in a pod."

"But I do have a bunch of stuff from the Easter bunny that I do plan on giving to Victoria. I'm really looking forward to giving it to her."

Stafford and his family, who have taken to wearing purple shirts and ribbons because it is Victoria's favourite colour, were to gather for Easter last night, he said.

Later they will join people from the community for a candlelight vigil.

For Stafford each day that passes is harder than the last because he doesn't have his precious daughter to hold, he said.

THE CANADIAN PRESS



Missing girl Victoria Stafford, 8, is shown in this photo copied from a poster in Woodstock. The southwestern Ontario community is mounting its own search efforts.

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Louder cries for assistance

Calls to women's shelter increases

Worrying about paying the bills and feeding the kids is always stressful. But in this tough economy, it's resulting in a dramatic increase in calls to the Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter.

The shelter has reported 1,366 calls in February alone — a 300 per cent increase from the year before.

Fred, a former abuser who has gone through counselling, says he knows all too well how easily financial stress can trigger emotions.

"I know the number of calls is up right now, and the only thing I can say is try to be positive and work together. It's a difficult

time but you just have to try and ride it out," he said.

Fred said the stress of losing a job and not being able to pay bills can take a toll on families.

"But there is no excuse for abuse."

While Fred has gone through counselling over the years and reconciled with his wife of 17 years, other women aren't as fortunate, according to shelter executive director Lisa Falkowsky. "People seeking support from professional counsellors and needing the security of our shelter continues to escalate to numbers we've never seen before," she said.

**KRISTA SYLVESTER/
METRO CANADA**

Text words can hurt: Advocate

RAFAEL BRUSILOV
for Metro Toronto



BULLYING Hurtful words written online or sent through text messages might seem less powerful, but the hurt they cause can be just as real as spoken ones.

Cyberbullying, defined as using technology to engage in repeated hostile behaviour against someone, is real and its effects can be devastating to adults and children alike.

Canadian Bill Belsey, president of Bullying.org and internationally recognized anti-bullying advocate, says cyberbullying can sometimes feel even more imprisoning for the victim because the world of technology is already a lonely place. He says the most important thing for victims of cyberbullying to know is that they are not alone.

"If you're experiencing cyberbullying it can often feel like you are alone. You need to know that you're not alone and there's nothing wrong with you," Belsey said.

Kids might not fully understand the power their words can have online,



Cyberbullying can be as imprisoning as face-to-face bullying, says advocate Bill Belsey.

Belsey says, because the world of technology and computers can often seem removed from reality.

"For kids today, as confi-

dent and fluent as they are with technology, they don't realize that what they say and do online has real consequences in real

life," he said.

Belsey, often credited as the originator of

Online

For more information or to find support about cyberbullying, check out these sites:

- cyberbullying.ca
- bullying.org
- bullyingawarenessweek.org

the term cyberbullying, says statistics on cyberbullying are surprisingly consistent across the world, generally ranging from one in three to one in four young people admitting they have been cyberbullied, suggesting the problem is far more widespread than most people realize.

"The bottom line is this is really serious and we as a society have to wake up to it. I'm a dad and it makes me absolutely sick to my stomach about these sorts of things," Belsey said.

If someone is sending you hurtful messages and emails, fight the urge to respond.

"If you're being cyberbullied don't reply to messages

from cyberbullies — that's what they want, to know that they're hurting you," Belsey said.

As painful as it is, Belsey says you shouldn't erase or delete messages from cyberbullies — those files are the best evidence you have of not only what was said but who was saying them since emails can usually be traced to a specific computer by following the IP address of the sender.

Most importantly, don't ignore cyberbullying when you see it hurting other people.

"Don't be a digital bystander — if you know people are being hurt, let them know you support them," Belsey said.

Awareness and vigilance can have a profound effect on stopping cyberbullying.

"The good news is that bullying and cyberbullying are behaviours and each one of us can play a part in stopping them," Belsey said.



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World



Easter message of hope

Pope Benedict sought to give a message of hope on Easter Sunday to victims of wars, poverty and financial turmoil, saying it was urgently needed to overcome the miseries plaguing the globe. Benedict delivered his message after celebrating Easter mass before tens of thousands of people who packed St. Peter's Square. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

News in brief

PIRACY An American ship captain was freed unharmed yesterday in a swift firefight that killed three of the four Somali pirates who had been holding him in a lifeboat off the coast of Africa, U.S. officials said. Capt. Richard Phillips reportedly offered himself as a hostage to win his crew's freedom.

DUBLIN Irish Republican Army dissidents yesterday threatened to kill top Sinn Féin politician Martin McGuinness and resume attacks in England as part of their efforts to wreck the IRA ceasefire and Northern Ireland power-sharing.

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Protesters swarm streets of Bangkok

Swarms of protesters attacked the prime minister's car, seized major intersections in Bangkok and commandeered buses, bringing new chaos to the Thai capital as the country's ousted leader threatened to return from exile to lead a revolution.

The government declared a state of emergency yesterday but, without the action of security forces, it

was unclear how any bans could be enforced.

Protesters ran rampant, which reinforced that three years of turmoil between alternating governments and protesters opposed to them seemed ready to peak again. Demonstrators demanding the resignation of Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva controlled many streets in the city centre. Police vans

were abandoned and looted. Outside the Interior Ministry, a mob attacked Abhisit's car with poles, stones and flower pots as it slowly made its escape. Police in riot gear nearby did nothing.

Ousted prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra called for a revolution and said he might return from exile to lead it.

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Sweden Lego Jesus



A boy examines a statue of Jesus Christ made entirely out of Lego construction bricks in a church at Vasteras, Sweden. The 1.8-metre-tall statue has taken parishioners a year and a half to construct out of 30,000 tiny plastic pieces.

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Female Afghan official shot dead near home

KANDAHAR A female provincial official known for fighting for women's rights was gunned down in southern Afghanistan yesterday, following a day of fighting in the region that left 22 militants dead.

Gunmen on motorcycles killed Sitara Achakzai outside her home in Kandahar city as she was getting out of her car. A Taliban spokesman, Qari Yousef

Ahmedi, claimed responsibility for the attack, officials said.

A family member told The Canadian Press that Achakzai's 99-year-old mother and sister are living in Markham.

The day before in neighbouring Zabul province, Afghan soldiers and police killed 22 militants in a nighttime gun battle.

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Squirrels vs. Anne Hines

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heard it here first."

I let Mike know this in case he wanted to run a promo in Friday's paper saying something like, "This Monday: Bloom Raiders — Hines vs. Squirrels in the Battle of the Bulbs."

Which pretty much describes the scene of floral carnage in my backyard each April.

Sometime later the same day I sent in the column. It was about buying a used car.

How could this happen? It's not because the completely evil behaviour of squirrels hopped up on exotic Dutch tulip bulbs isn't of concern. I once wrote an entire article about how I'd like to blow up every squirrel in the world.

I got a lot of reader mail about that one. Mostly from gardeners wanting to know if blowing up squirrels is legal.

So, a piece titled, "Squirrels: What are they good for?" seemed like a fine idea. I even contacted a squirrel expert to

pose this question. Our conversation went like this. Seriously.

Me: So, squirrels. More useless than beer glasses and nipple rings, right?

SE: Well ... tourists like them.

Me: Excuse me?

SE: People visiting from cities that don't have squirrels find it interesting to

see wild animals in the city.

Me: Do they also come from places that don't have teenagers?

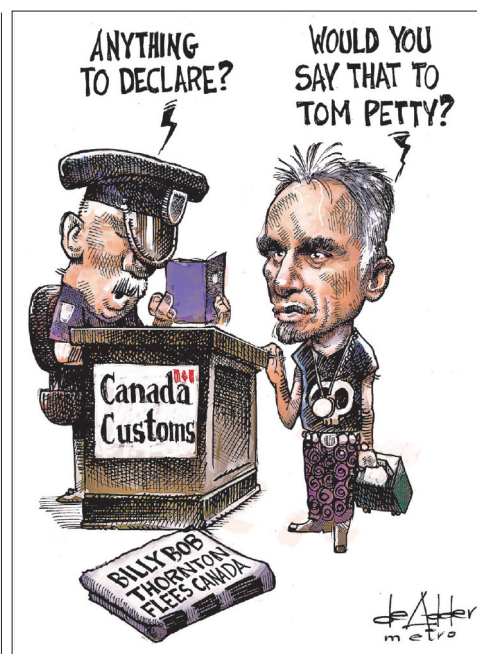
Then it hit me. My city could become the international centre for squirrel tourism.

Way better than ecotourism. They frown on you stashing a koala in your bag where as our clients would be encouraged to take home as many furry souvenirs as they can carry.

So, you see, I had every intention of writing about squirrels.

But what happened is ... I didn't. The fact is the creative writing process is an unmanageable, untamable thing. Much like creative writers. Or, I guess, squirrels.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.



Letters

Inflated price theory is overblown for Canadian cars

Re: Rules create schism (April 8)

They created their own disadvantage here with "protectionism" or by simply ripping off potential buyers with inflated pricing for Canadian customers.

The main reason there are differences between the U.S. models and Canadian models are not from the ones you state in your story.

The car manufacturers made subtle charges such as bumper heights, the DRLs, and the kilometre/mile gauges at the request of the Canadian car manufacturers to curb the purchase of new and used cars cross border from the U.S.

In some of the luxury models, conversions to Canadian standards were made so expensive we had no choice but to purchase the same model for a much higher price with no added value.

Here is one to compare if you are interested: Check the price of a new Nissan 350z car new in both Canada and the U.S. — nearly a \$15,000 difference for the exact same car.

PAUL NAGY, TORONTO

TTC riders need reminder of what proper manners are

Most people on the TTC read Metro in the morning. And every single day I ride the TTC to and from work, and each day, without fail, I see some sort of TTC breach of etiquette. Sometimes it's minor, other times it's more serious.

Recently, I saw a woman, clearly in her mid-to-late-80s standing, gripping on to a pole for dear life in the height of morning rush hour.

Directly in front of her sat three people, likely between the ages of 30 and 50, pretending not to see this lady who very obviously needed a seat.

Two of them closed their eyes and one of them pretended to be totally engrossed in her book. It seems as though, for many people, manners are left outside the subway station.

The TTC has signs that advertise subway etiquette, however, I think people do not respect the TTC as much as they respect articles they read in a newspaper.

KATIE MACDONALD, TORONTO

Views

Transforming transit station parking lots

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new homes or businesses.

Local councils are already promoting development near GO stations — including some big projects in Oakville and Brampton.

Although under constant pressure from riders to expand parking, GO Transit just unveiled plans to make its stations more welcoming to those who arrive on foot, bike or local bus. At the same time, the regional transit agency is building multi-level parking structures at many stations.

GO is due to be merged with the planning body Metrolinx, and the new entity could support private construction next to (or even above) train stops and use the profit to expand transit service. The City of Toronto is also planning to sell more land near subway lines.

Student solutions

• Check out how engineering students would solve common transit problems such as safety near subway tracks, better signs on the TTC, crowding inside buses and the "inefficiency of Passenger Dynamics Into and Out of Subway Cars." A showcase will be held from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on April 15 at 40 St. George St. in the University of Toronto.

The past clearly shows how corruption can tempt developers, civil servants and politicians alike — but building near transit can benefit riders when the money is watched closely.

As for the recent parking fee changes at TTC lots, the commission is expected to

report soon on how many drivers have stayed away, and if Metropass sales are down as a result. I've been told of some glitches and lineups at parking entrances and one reader sent a photo of a half-empty lot at Finch station.

TTC chair Adam Giambrone reports that overall parking demand is expected to drop initially by 20 to 40 per cent. He states, "Ultimately, I would guess (utilization of the lots) will grow back to above 90 per cent over the next five or so years."

To clarify previous stories, it appears TTC employees may not park for free at just three lots: Leslie, York Mills and Kennedy East.

Toronto-based transport writer Ed Drass covers transit issues every Monday; transit@eddrass.com.

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Investors can force Madoff into bankruptcy: Judge

A U.S. federal judge says investors can force Bernard Madoff into personal bankruptcy proceedings after he pleaded guilty to charges that he defrauded them. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Business

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Rally given a boost

Markets energized by Wells Fargo earnings

The spring rally on stock markets shows no signs of abating after a shot of good earnings news from the battered American banking sector energized investors at the end of last week.

Wells Fargo & Co. said last week it expects record first-quarter earnings of \$3 billion US, easily surpassing analysts' estimates.

It was welcome news for investors who were disappointed at the start to the U.S. earnings reporting season when aluminum company Alcoa Inc. reported a larger than expected \$497-million loss.

But Wells Fargo was the first financial company to give an indication of first-

Contrast

- The rally has left the TSX in positive territory for the year to date by 200 points, but the Dow is still 693 points under water for the year to date.

quarter performance and it was welcome news coming ahead of earnings from Citigroup Inc., Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and JP-Morgan Chase & Co. this week.

The burst of enthusiasm at the bank's news helped stretch the rally that began March 10 — on good earnings news from Citigroup — to a fifth week, leaving the main TSX index up

21.4 per cent since that date and the Dow Jones industrials up 23 per cent.

Despite the strong performance, analysts caution against reading too much into this rally.

For one thing, "the key is that the current flow of news is coming against a backdrop of extreme misery," said John Johnston, chief strategist of the Harbour Group at RBC Dominion Securities.

"Expectations have been very low and now you're getting some favourable surprises off some very low numbers," he said.

He also pointed out that first-quarter earnings expectations were very, very low.

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Quebec 500 jobs lost



The Pratt & Whitney Canada plant is shown in Longueuil, Que. Pratt & Whitney is slashing 500 unionized jobs from its Longueuil plant as part of planned labour rollbacks worldwide, it was announced Friday. Cuts are expected to take effect by the end of the month.

Day dismisses tension with China

POLITICS Trade Minister Stockwell Day brushed aside the notion that his government is changing its approach to China as he started a seven-day trade trip Saturday to the world's third-largest economy.

Relations between China and Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government have been often rocky as Harper and his ministers have frequently criticized China's human rights record. Day suggested media coverage has distorted ill will between the two governments.

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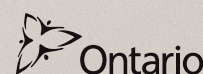
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Sports



Cabrera wins Masters in playoff

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Sports in brief

HOCKEY The U.S. won its second straight women's world hockey championship with a 4-1 win over Canada yesterday in Finland. The Americans won back-to-back titles for the first time after beating Canada 4-3 in last year's final in China.

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A Rap at home; Tribe get first win

NBA RESULT

76ers 104 Raptors 111



THE SKINNY: Chris Bosh led the Raptors with 22 points as Toronto won its final home game of the season, 111-104 over the Philadelphia 76ers yesterday.

THANKS: Bosh took the mike at centre court prior to the game to thank fans for their support through the tumultuous last few months.

HOT START: Coming off a loss to the lowly Wizards on Friday, the Raptors started quickly, shooting 55 per cent in the first quarter. Anthony Parker finished with 18 points, Andrea Bargnani with 17, and



Chris Bosh drives on Samuel Dalembert last night.

Jose Calderon with 11 and 11 assists.

CAN-CON: Sixers centre Samuel Dalembert of Montreal finished with 18 points and 12 rebounds.

SIXER TROUBLES: The loss was Philadelphia's fifth

straight. The 76ers sit in sixth place in the Eastern Conference standings.

THE NEXT GAME: The Raptors play the Wizards again, tonight in Washington.

AL RESULT

Indians 8 Blue Jays 4



THE SKINNY: Anthony Reyes pitched six efficient innings for the Indians as they earned their first win of the season, 8-4 over the Blue Jays in Cleveland.

WOOD IS GOOD: Kerry Wood, who signed a two-year, \$20.5-million US deal with the Indians in the off-season,

struck out the Toronto side on 13 pitches in the ninth.

STRIKEOUT TO WALK:

Jays starter David Purcey struck out 10 batters, the first Toronto pitcher to do so in a game since the late Cory Lidle in 2003. However, Purcey also walked six in his 4½ innings of work. Jays pitchers walked 10 overall.

THE QUOTE: "Way too many walks," manager Cito Gaston said. "But with all those walks, we were still in the game. One more base hit or a flyball, who knows what might happen?"

THE NEXT GAME: The Jays open a four-game set in Minnesota tonight (Litsch vs. Slowey, 8 p.m., Sportsnet).

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Cleveland's Grady Sizemore slides safely into third on a wild pitch as Scott Rolen can't come up with the ball yesterday.

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Workology

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Western Canada needs boost

In order to address the large high school drop-out rate and low PSE enrolment in Western Canada, the four western provinces should join forces to set and work towards a higher graduation target for the region, according to a new report from the Canada West Foundation. The problem is particularly dire in Saskatchewan and Manitoba because of their expansive rural areas, states the report. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Call her 'The Sleep Doula'

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Diane Peters

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Tracey Ruiz has dubbed herself, The Sleep Doula.

When babies can't fall asleep and wake up constantly in the night, it makes new parents crazy with exhaustion and frustration.

To save their sanity — and their marriages — some call in sleep doula Tracey Ruiz.

Ruiz, 39, is also a regular doula who attends births and helps parents postpartum. Eleven years ago, however, she'd only been to one birth — her own C-section with her son.

Then, while pregnant with her daughter, a friend needed a lift to the hospital. Ruiz stayed for the entire labour, holding her hand and talking to her. After the birth, which Ruiz thought was "amazing" the nurse said, "You should be a doula."

"What? You can get paid to do this?" Ruiz thought. But after her second maternity leave, Ruiz went back to her job at FedEx. A few years later, when the company started a program where it offered sabbaticals, she took one and began training through Doulas of North America.

She never went back, but instead began attending births and helping parents with newborns. "It's been a great business to grow as my children have grown," she says.

Ruiz got known for her nighttime post-partum support. Then more and more clients wanted assistance with sleep. So she trade-

marked the name "The Sleep Doula" four years ago and created a new service.

Today, Ruiz's Birth Solutions employs ten doulas, four of whom also do sleep (it makes up about 60 per cent of the business).

Some customers sign up for Ruiz's so-called epidural to sleep training: In-home support. For this, Ruiz shows up at the child's bedtime. The parents put the baby down awake and Ruiz stays in the room shushing the baby to sleep.

Whenever the little one wakes up, Ruiz is there — lying in front of the crib wrapped in a comforter — to shush and chat the baby back to sleep. On night two,

The Lowdown

Job title: Sleep doula
Salary: Charges \$225 to \$1,300
Education/training: Courses through Doulas of North America.
Best Part of the Job: "Watching the change in a family from being exhausted, with a lot of marital tension, to seeing an empowered, well-rested family."
Worst Part of the Job: "Hardwood floors. And not being able to put my own kids down to bed at night."

she just shushes. By night three, the parents can do the job.

By the end of the week, parents usually have an excellent sleeper.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

Metro readers' best friends

As part of the Paws and Claws series

• Metro would like thank everyone who sends in a picture of their pet, we'll try to post as many as we publish throughout the month of April.



Metro readers brought out their bunnies for Easter.



Bart the Basenji-Shepherd mix shows off his bunny ears.



Bessy the Black Lab in some Easter regalia.



Marlee the Golden Retriever is still going strong at 10 years old.



Lucious the Boxer celebrates Easter.

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The new breed of lawn care

Save time, money and reduce your carbon footprint without pesticides

CRAIG MACPHERSON
for Metro Canada



On April 22, which is Earth Day, the provincial government will implement a ban on pesticides for cosmetic use.

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Craig MacPherson is the owner of Durham Lawn Jockey. www.durhamlawnjockey.com

Making a difference every day

On April 22, more than six million Canadians will participate in activities to help protect and preserve the environment in celebration of Earth Day. But let's not forget to take care of the environment the rest of the year.

Here are five easy ways you can make a difference to the environment throughout the year from TD Friends of the Environment Foundation:

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Earth Run is a five-kilometre run or walk on April 26 to raise awareness and funds for environmental organizations and initiatives that build green communities. Participants can register online at www.earthrun.org. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

going green **15**

Trees Ontario volunteers Nicole Schmidt, left, and Krissy Schmidt pass out White Pine saplings at the 2008 Green Living Show. The Green Living Show educates and empowers consumers to make better eco-conscious lifestyle choices and runs April 24-26 at the Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place.

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"Our goal is to educate and empower consumers so they can make the best eco-conscious choices for their families, their communities, and the Earth."

Laurie Simmonds, president and CEO, Green Living Enterprises

and the economy, the Green Living Show offers a unique, interactive experience where visitors can learn to lead a greener lifestyle that benefits both the environment and their wallets," said Laurie Simmonds, president and CEO of Green Living Enterprises. "Our goal is to educate and empower consumers so they can make the best eco-conscious choices for their families, their communities, and the Earth."

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Sarah Michelle Gellar and Freddie Prinze Jr. are expecting their first child, a source tells People magazine. "They're very excited," the source says of the couple, who have been married for six years. **PEOPLE.COM**

Entertainment

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Corner Gas runs dry

Canadian sitcom closes shop after six seasons on CTV

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada



Brent Butt thinks his decision to end Corner Gas was a good one. Well, he's pretty sure, anyway.

"It's something that has kept me awake at night, wondering if I made the right call," says series creator/star Butt, who is pulling the plug on the CTV sitcom tonight after six phenomenally successful seasons.

"Should we end the show? But the answer that always comes back to me is yes, every time."

Still, as decisions go, it

"If you like Corner Gas, you'll like how we end it. I like how we end it."

Brent Butt

was a tough one. Corner Gas wasn't exactly ER, stumbling towards its demise. Corner Gas still averages more than a million Canuck viewers in an era when half that would get you renewed.

As well, it's not like popular Canadian comedies come along every day.

"Early on, CTV said to me it's your call on ending the show," recalls Butt.

"And I started getting a feeling a while back — is the time right? I really didn't want the show to repeat itself. But it was 107 episodes. It's not like we just got started."

For fans, tonight's finale will be a daylong experience that begins with a cast tribute on Canada AM. Later, a 7:30 p.m. retrospective special provides a lead-in for the Corner Gas finale at 9:30 p.m.

"It's a crazy day. But in a good way. Hunter S. Thompson said there's a good weird and bad weird. And this is a good weird."

Although he was reluctant to give details on the

Pump it up

• The finale of Corner Gas airs at 9:30 p.m. (ET) tonight on CTV.

finale, Butt thinks it will deliver what fans want.

"If you like Corner Gas, you'll like how we end it. I like how we end it."

As for his future, Butt has already shot a TV pilot for another series (Hiccups). There's also a feature film in his future.

But one wonders about his future. Does Butt worry about being typecast as that lovable schlub on Corner Gas?

Federer weds

Tennis champ Roger Federer scored a big win over the weekend when he married longtime girlfriend and former tennis player Miroslava Vavrinec in Switzerland.

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Corner Gas averages more than a million viewers, but the show's creator and star Brent Butt says the time is right to pull the plug.

"I don't know. I never thought of myself as an actor. I feel I act the way Bob Hope or Bob Newhart act.

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Thornton cancels Canadian tour

Billy Bob Thornton's band has scrapped the rest of its Canadian tour dates after the actor caused a stir by likening Canuck fans to mashed potatoes with no gravy.



Billy Bob Thornton

The Boxmasters opened for Willie Nelson on Thursday in Toronto. But a note posted on Nelson's website Friday said the Boxmasters were cancelling the remainder of their Canadian swing, including gigs in Montreal and London, Ont., "due to one band member and several of the crew having the flu."

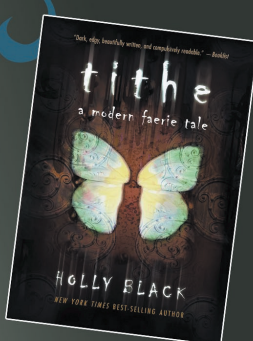
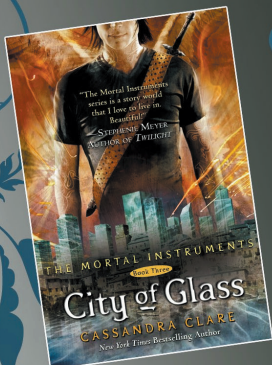
"We wish them a safe

and speedy recovery," said the note. The cancellation came two days after Thornton made headlines around the world with a belligerent appearance on CBC radio's Q.

The actor apparently took issue that host Jian Ghomeshi kicked off the interview with references to Thornton's career as a Hollywood actor, director and screenwriter.

For much of the chat, Thornton refused to answer Ghomeshi's questions directly, mumbling: "I don't know what you're talking about." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Hannah hits target

Hannah Montana: The Movie

Director: Peter Chelsom

Stars: Miley Cyrus

Classification: G

Rating: ●●●●

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

If you're not the parent of a 10 year-old girl, perhaps the phenomenon that is the hit TV show-turned-movie Hannah Montana has somehow escaped your world. For such uneducated souls, let me bring you up to speed.

Miley Cyrus plays Miley Stewart, a simple country-girl who also just happens to lead a double-life as Hannah Montana, the most famous pop star in the world.

As Miley, she carries on about her normal life with her father (played by real dad, Billy Ray) escaping notice from her famous alter-ego. And how does she pull off that incredible feat exactly? Well, by wearing a blond wig of course.

In the big-screen adaptation, Miley's alter-ego is becoming too bloated for her own good when she gets in a shoe-fight with Tyra Banks. "Think of it as a Hannah detox," Miley's



A scene from Hannah Montana: The Movie.

father explains before hijacking her back to Tennessee where the reluctant star discovers family, love and most importantly, her aw-shucks-self.

Yes, the plot of Hannah Montana is as conventional and simple as that; there's no mistaking its means to cater to a pre-pubescent audience by keeping things structured and easy. But you know what? That's okay.

For what this film aims

to be, it mostly works. Sure, there are some expected plot holes and flat bits (like the pointless, unfunny brother character and a cornball ending), but infused with cute, down-home gags and catchy, countrified pop, Hannah Montana will definitely uplift its young audience without overly annoying the adults. Though, I'll be honest — I could still use a Hannah detox myself.

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Box office

Following are the top 10 films at the North American box office for the three-day weekend beginning April 10, led by the new release Hannah Montana: The Movie, according to Media By Numbers LLC:

- 1 Hannah Montana: The Movie:**
\$34 million US
- 2 Fast & Furious:**
\$28.8 million
- 3 Monsters vs. Aliens:**
\$22.6 million
- 4 Observe and Report:**
\$11.1 million
- 5 Knowing:**
\$6.7 million
- 6 I Love You, Man:**
\$6.4 million
- 7 The Haunting in Connecticut:**
\$5.7 million
- 8 Dragonball Evolution:**
\$4.7 million
- 9 Adventureland:**
\$3.4 million
- 10 Duplicity:**
\$3.0 million

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Then again, maybe not

TNT will no longer put its trust in Trust Me. The network pulled the plug on the freshman advertising drama Friday, according to The New York Times. The show starred Eric McCormack and Tom Cavanagh. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Fawcett released

Farrah Fawcett has been released from a Los Angeles hospital after being treated for internal bleeding not directly related to her cancer.

People.com says the 62-year-old actress, who starred in the Charlie's Angels TV series, was diagnosed with anal cancer in 2006.

Her Los Angeles cancer specialist, Dr. Lawrence Piro, said earlier this week that Fawcett recently had a "minor procedure" in Germany that "led to a small amount of bleeding into a muscle in her abdominal wall."

He says that created a



Farrah Fawcett

hematoma, a sac of blood, that caused pressure and pain. Piro told People that Fawcett, who was discharged Thursday, was in good spirits and looking forward to celebrating Easter at home.

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A posthumous collection of short stories by Kurt Vonnegut will be released this November. The collection, called *Look at the Birdie*, contains 14 stories by the author of *Slaughterhouse-Five* and other works. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Neeson starts first film since loss

CAREER Liam Neeson is set to begin work on his first film since the death of his wife, Natasha Richardson. Neeson will play Zeus, king of the gods, in a remake of *Clash of the Titans* opposite Ralph Fiennes as Hades, ruler of the underworld.

Beck taking funny act on the road

SHOW Fox News Channel's latest sensation is taking a comedy act on the road. Glenn Beck says he will do a live comedy show over six nights, starting June 1 in Denver. He calls himself a "poor man's Seinfeld."

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In brief

OOPS A Philadelphia cable network's early morning broadcast of a Good Friday service at the Vatican abruptly changed to something different — a 30-second *Girls Gone Wild* ad. The glitch was due to a test of the Emergency Alert System. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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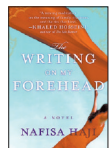


When March Went Mad

Author: Seth Davis
Publisher: Times Books
Price: \$29 (Hardcover)

On March 26, 1979, two college basketball teams came head to head in the NCAA finals in Salt Lake City. Each had slayed their own hurdles to get to the game. And each had a star player that would change basketball — and the relevance of the sport at the college level — forever. Sports Illustrated writer Seth Davis traces the roots of then Michigan State Spartan, Earvin "Magic" Johnson and then Indiana State Sycamore Larry Bird, observing their influence of the game in America. Davis marks just when and why March turned (and stayed) mad.

Book Picks



The Writing on my Forehead

Author: Nafisa Haji
Publisher: HarperCollins
Price: \$22.99 (Paperback)

Nafisa Haji takes readers on an international, intergenerational trip of self-realization in *The Writing on my Forehead*. A California teen of Indo-Pakistani heritage Saira Qader comes to the early conclusion that she doesn't want to follow the constricting traditions of her family, influenced by learning her mother lied to her about the death of her grandfather. Instead, she pursues journalism to travel, learn and report on the ways and wars of others. But a tragedy later in life calls her loyalties into question. Saira must decide whether to continue to blaze her own trail, or, seemingly more appealing, return home to face formalities but compromise her independence.



The Blue Sweater

Author: Jacqueline Novogratz
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Before Jacqueline Novogratz started the non-profit anti-poverty Acumen Fund, the chance acquisition of a blue sweater shifted her life's focus from the bottom line to battling poverty. Novogratz had her "Eureka!" moment when the gift she'd been given and later donated to Goodwill ended up on the back of a boy she met while travelling in Rwanda. In her memoir *The Blue Sweater*, Novogratz recalls how the occurrence enlightened her to the interconnectedness of the world and encouraged her call to action. Honest and direct, Novogratz explores why conventional charitable means aren't always so effective and offers an alternative.

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Who'd have thought that a sitcom set in a tiny Saskatchewan town would become a hit on both sides of the border? Alas, the adventures of Brent and his friends and relations in *Dog River* are coming to an end. Tara Spencer-Nairn, Fred Ewanick, Nancy Robertson, Eric Peterson, Gabrielle Miller, Lorne Cardinal and Janet Wright also star in the series finale, 9:31 PM on CTV, 9:32 PM on ACH-B.



The Big Bang Theory

When a fellow comic book fan starts romancing Penny, Wolowitz and Leonard decide to check out the brave new world of *Ladies' Night* at a local bar. Kevin Sussman guest stars in the new episode "The Hofstadter Isotope"; Jim Parsons and Kunal Nayyar also star. 8 PM on CTV CBS

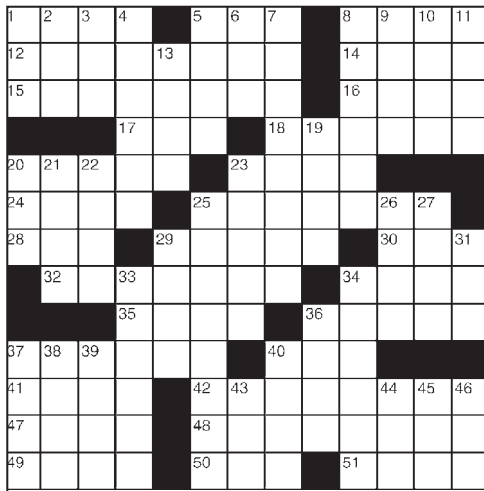
Heroes

Encouraged by Nathan, Peter, Claire and H.R.G., Angela reveals secrets that have haunted her for years. Mohinder learns that his father was involved in a long-forgotten government operation in the new episode "1961." 9 PM on NBC; 10 PM on GTV

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	215	343	4	OMN1	TwoHalf Men	The Simpsons	News (N)	Vivere II	News (N)	The Simpsons "King of the Hill"	Metropia	
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	214	344	7	CITY	Law & Order: SVU	Chuck (HDTV) (N)	Chuck (HDTV) (N)	Surviving Sub.	Less-Known	Mantracker (DVS)	News (N)	
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	571	581	36	MMM	The Daily Fix	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Name Is Earl	The Office
	575	583	38	CMT	Karaoke Star Junior	Cashing In	Kink in Hair	Strictly Bolshoi	Moscow's Bolshoi Ballet	Strictly Bolshoi	Broadway	Law & Order
	616	521	39	BVO	The Outer Limits	Kyle Rialtko: The Lead	Wedding SOS	Wedding SOS	Wedding SOS	Wedding SOS	Project Runway	Canada
	620	523	40	SHO	Ballet Girls Ballet	Wedding SOS	Wedding SOS	Wedding SOS	Wedding SOS	Wedding SOS	Project Runway	Canada
	601	562	41	SLC	Skin Deep	Til Debt-Part	Hero Ships (N)	Hero Ships (N)	Hero Ships (N)	Hero Ships (N)	NCIS "Bury Your Dead"	Sea Hunters
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	618	524	54	TROP	Vanity Insanity	Reality	E News	Ground Up	Food Detective	Get on Plate	Hell's Kitchen	Restaurant
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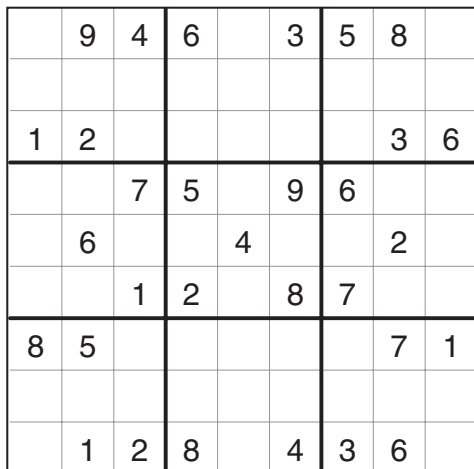
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Crossword across

- 1 Hawaiian island
- 5 Bro or sis
- 8 Eatery
- 12 Baldness
- 14 Operatic solo
- 15 Emergency care
- 16 Dissolve
- 17 Smithfield product
- 18 Shimmers
- 20 Burnett or Channing
- 23 Cherished
- 24 One
- 25 Ariel is one
- 28 Dowel
- 29 Star
- 30 Police officer
- 32 Ambushed
- 34 Kathie Lee's "Today" co-host
- 35 Congers
- 36 Church council
- 37 Marital felony
- 40 Cry loudly
- 41 Hebrew month
- 42 "The Fly" tagline, in part
- 47 Booth payment
- 48 Without equitability
- 49 Dispatch
- 50 "Gosh!"
- 51 Take out of the text

Crossword down

- 1 Luminox
- 2 Boxing legend
- 3 Perp. to vert.
- 4 Result
- 5 Con game
- 6 XV divided by V
- 7 Harassed
- 8 Photog's need
- 9 Neighborhood
- 10 Photog's need
- 11 Chows down
- 13 List-ending abbr.
- 19 Gentle as a —
- 20 Half pint
- 21 From the beginning
- 22 Latvia's capital
- 23 Sandwich shops
- 25 Fruit tree pest
- 26 PC picture
- 27 Extinct bird
- 29 Skelton's
- 30 Kadiddlehopper
- 31 Cushion
- 33 Annual
- 34 Cross
- 36 Couch
- 37 Crazy
- 38 "American —"
- 39 Big bash
- 40 Secure
- 43 Compass dir.
- 44 Exist
- 45 Under the weather
- 46 Coloring agent

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



8	6	1	9	3	4	7	5	2
9	2	4	5	8	7	1	3	6
5	3	7	1	6	2	4	9	8
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7	4	3	2	9	8	6	1	5
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4	5	2	3	1	9	8	6	7
3	7	6	8	2	5	9	4	1

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

- Under 13 min Genius
 13-17 min Scholar
 17-21 min Smart
 21-25 min Not bad
 25+ min Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

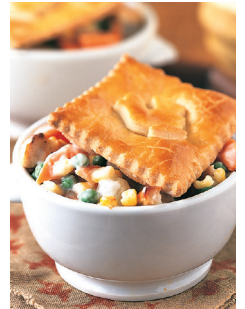
One-Crust Chicken Pot Pies

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/2 lbs (750 g) boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt
- 1 refrigerated piecrust
- 1 egg white, lightly beaten with 1 tsp (5 ml) water
- 2 medium carrots, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 cup (250 ml) frozen corn kernels
- 1 cup (250 ml) frozen green peas
- 1 cup (250 ml) frozen small white onions
- 1 cup (250 ml) table cream
- 6 tbsp (90 ml) all-purpose flour
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) margarine
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) black pepper

METHOD:

1. Bring chicken breasts, 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt, and enough water to cover to a simmer in large pot over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to low; gently poach chicken until juices run clear, 15 minutes. Transfer chicken to cutting board; cool and cut into bite-size pieces. Reserve 2 cups (500 ml) poaching liquid.
2. Preheat oven to 425°F (220°C). Lightly coat baking sheet and six 1-cup (250-ml) ovenproof dishes with non-stick cooking spray.
3. Dust work surface with flour. Unfold pie crust on surface and roll out. Cut 6 squares to fit on top of pies.
4. Make 6 decorations and attach 1 cutout to each pastry square with egg white. Brush tops of decorated pastries with



egg white. Transfer to baking sheet and bake until golden brown, 12 minutes. Transfer to wire rack to cool.

Meanwhile, cook carrots in boiling water until tender, 5 minutes; drain. Rinse frozen vegetables with hot water; drain. Whisk cream and flour in small bowl. Melt margarine in medium pot over medium heat. Whisk in cream mixture, then reserved poaching liquid. Cook until sauce thickens and boils, 5 minutes. Stir in chicken, carrots, corn, peas, onions, black pepper and remaining salt. Cook until heated through, about 3 minutes; divide among dishes and bake until bubbling, 15 minutes. Top with pastry squares.

SERVES 4



Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
 People seem to be suffocating others with fear. A nice guy is too exhausted to call. Therapy becomes necessary for a teen's problem.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
 A situation changes when someone refuses. A worker misses the point when you explain the rules. Don't give in to senseless demands.



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
 Useless reminders won't bear fruit. Someone's efforts to help out are met with distrust. You'll fix a problem that occurred many miles away.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
 A dictator isn't ready to give up. A quick talker expands your career potential. False accusations get under your skin.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
 An embarrassing question is too stupid to ask. Persuade other people that miracles will occur. You won't be held back by anything.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
 A refusal to help out is punished. A professional brings good luck with legal affairs. Don't be afraid to try something new.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
 You'll have a great chance to be clear-sighted. A discussion is balanced by distant people. Education choices will reverberate for years.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
 Pick up the pieces of a broken promise. Unexpected visitors are coming. Expect good luck with a frivolous romantic.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
 A cut-throat businessman has a profitable day. Something you saw affects your mood all day. You'll get support during a draining time.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
 You'll have some free time. Changes will make you gasp with joy. A remarkable friend influences a lonely walker.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
 Feign enthusiasm until you really feel it. A brave approach to bullying won't work. Much attention is focused on a conflict.



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
 Typical oddball behaviour is forbidden. Don't ruin your reputation by being hypocritical. Someone demands to know that you're concerned.



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 APRIL 13, 1849: Hungary becomes a republic.
 APRIL 13, 1870: Metropolitan Museum of Art founded.
 APRIL 13, 1902: James C. Penney opens his first store in Kemmerer, Wyoming.
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